



# Hall of Fame

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## **FOURTEENTH ANNUAL INDUCTION DINNER**

April 1, 2001

Ramada Inn  
Route 9  
Toms River, NJ

# Hall Of Fame

On February 24, 1987, Charlotte Ford Spillane, Assistant Principal of Toms River High School South, obtained approval of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools to found a Toms River Schools Hall of Fame to honor those who had attended or graduated from the public schools of Toms River and who had made significant contributions to the cause of humanity in their various fields of endeavor.

A Board of Trustees was formed with thirteen members, each of whom had either graduated from Toms River or had been employed in the school system for a long period of time. Responsibilities of the trustees would be to research possible candidates, to manage financial support, to collect memorabilia and other gifts, and to organize a display of the honorees.

## NOMINATIONS

1988

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

1. A candidate will begin to be considered for induction twenty years after leaving school.
2. A candidate must have attended one of the public schools in a town now included in the Toms River Regional School District.
3. A candidate shall have made a significant contribution to the cause of humanity, improved the quality of life, or achieved outstanding recognition in his or her career or education.

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## NOMINATIONS

The public is encouraged to nominate those who have attended the Toms River Schools (graduation not a criterion) and who they feel are worthy of consideration. To nominate, send the name, address and telephone number of your candidate along with your recommendation to The Toms River Schools Hall of Fame, 54 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753. A questionnaire will be sent to the nominee or to a friend or relative. Upon receipt of the questionnaire, the Board of Trustees will continue the research to determine eligibility of the candidate nominated. Trustees vote once a year to choose honorees. Those not selected remain on the eligible list for five years.



## PROGRAM

Welcome & Introduction of Distinguished Guests .....	Frank E. Perkowski Chair
Greetings .....	Frank Sadeghi President, Board of Education
.....	Michael J. Ritacco Superintendent of Schools
Invocation .....	Robert L. Garthwaite Trustee/Honoree '91

### Presentation of Awards

Criteria and Selection Process .....	Frank E. Perkowski
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### Honorees

2001 Distinguished Honoree

**Isadore M. Hirshblond**

(deceased)

Accepting: L. Manuel Hirshblond

Presenter: Robert F. Novins, Honoree '00

Last Year Attended  
or Year of Graduation

Category

1943	<b>Dave Johnson</b> .....	Journalism
	Presenter: Robert L. Garthwaite, Trustee/Honoree '91	
1948	<b>Clifford William Campbell</b> .....	Humanitarian
	Presenters: Jeffrey W. Moran, Trustee/Assistant Superintendent & Linda Lines, Friend	
1964	<b>Judge Julio M. Fuentes</b> .....	Judiciary
	Presenter: Gerald Rich, Trustee/Honoree '98	
1972	<b>E. David Millard</b> .....	Law Enforcement
	Presenter: Linuel P. Lloyd III, Trustee Supervisor of Instruction, High School	
1974	<b>Sonya Naryshkin, M. D.</b> .....	Medicine
	Presenter: Deborah Ralph, Trustee Teacher, High School North	
1978	<b>Neal Mayer</b> .....	Performing Arts
	Presenter: Charlotte F. Spillane, Trustee/Honoree '95	

## **HONORARY AWARD**

In 1990 the Hall of Fame created a plaque on which a Hall of Fame medallion was mounted. The plaque with an appropriate inscription engraved was given that year to two who sanctioned, championed, and facilitated the goals of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame.

To: Albert J. Dietrich  
Superintendent of Schools

"For encouraging and supporting the founding of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame with appreciation from the Board of Trustees."

To: John R. Garrabrant  
Senior Assistant Superintendent of Schools

"For his dedication to and enthusiastic support of the ideals of the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame with appreciation from the Board of Trustees."

## **DISTINGUISHED HONORARY MEDALLION**

In 1991 the Hall of Fame Distinguished Honorary Medallion was awarded for the first time. The medallion, which is mounted on a plaque, was created to honor those who did not attend the Toms River Schools but who contributed in an exemplary way to the ideals and educational philosophy of our school system.

1991 To: Renee A. Ewart

"Whose teaching inspired her students not only to love the French language but to respect all learning....."

"For a lifetime of excellence."

1992 To: Elinor Bryant

"For a lifetime of excellence in teaching."

"Love the children and let them know you love them."

1993	To:	Dr. Edgar M. Finck
		"Honored for a lifetime of creative educational ideas."
		"Teaching is a joyous experience because it is a life of service; teaching is forever."
1994	To:	Nathaniel S. Detwiler
		"For a lifetime of excellence and innovation as an educational leader."
		"He understood, encouraged, created and inspired with unique enthusiasm."
		"G-R-R-R-R- Fight"
1995	To:	Charlotte Ford Spillane
		"Doing the right thing for students and the community is her delight."
		"Her joie de vivre inspires all who know her."
1996	To:	Bessie N. McLean
		"Honored for a lifetime of inspiring in students the love of books."
		"Treasured friendships make lasting memories."
1997	To:	DeWitt E. "Doc" Ricketts
		"A leader of teachers."
		"He had the knack of seeing what was true and important and framing it clearly."
1998	To:	Gerald Rich
		"And gladly would he learn, and gladly teach."
1999	To:	Joseph D. Clouser
		"Yes you can...if you try."

2000

To:

William "Doc" Dougherty

"United States Marine, teacher, coach, family man, humanitarian, friend to all."

"Try to be the best that you can be."

2001

To:

Isadore M. Hirshblond

"The show must go on! Why? There's five dollars in the box office, and we can't return it."

A philanthropist, Isadore was a charter member of the First Holy Name Club, member of Harmony Lodge F & AM, 32° Degree Master, and member of the Christian Temple, Trenton, NJ. He was President of the Ocean County Spring Club and was instrumental in organizing the Spring Club to sponsor an underprivileged Children's Christmas party starting with a tree mornie and ending the party with a turkey dinner. He was also a member of the Lakewood Lakewood Elks Lodge. He helped to organize the First River Business Men's Association, which eventually became the Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Variety Club of Philadelphia.

"Doc" Hirshblond was a very colorful man who came to America unable to speak English. He learned the language and became a very successful businessman. His love of the entertainment industry was in his soul. The Truist Theater was a local institution that brought much enjoyment to the area. A highlight was Amateur Night, which featured local performers on the Truist stage. He was well-versed in his circle of friends. His love of life was personified in his community involvement. He never missed a high school football game. He gave theater passes to the team members on the night before the game and went to the locker room prior to the game to hand out a throwdown to the players. During the week, he would assign private cars to transport the boys to the away games due to a lack of interest in school buses. I remember a night win of 1954 vs. Trenton High School football team. Several cars and buses were always the guests of the theater with gifts, flowers, and other items. He was a very generous man for his outstanding efforts that were rewarded with the second high school win in 1954. He was organizing the show and every effort to make it a success and honor of the First River Lakewood Lodge, York.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON! WHY? THERE'S FIVE DOLLARS IN THE BOX OFFICE  
AND WE CAN'T RETURN IT



## **Isadore Manuel Hirshblond** **(Distinguished Honoree)**

Isadore Manuel Hirshblond was born in October 1886 in Latvia, Russia and died April 11, 1961. He arrived in America in January 1903. Isadore married Mary Gwyer of Toms River and had two sons, Edgar and Manuel.

Isadore was the owner and operator of the Copperthwaite Store, Main Street, Toms River and sold the business in 1918. He purchased the Toms River Amusement Co. and in the same year founded the Traco Theater Co. He rebuilt the old structure into a modern theater. During the 1920s he had vaudeville on the stage with many famous acts such as Abbot & Costello. The bookings were midweek, as the acts were either on their way to Atlantic City from New York or vice-versa. In 1927, he installed sound projection and had one of the first theaters in the state with sound. In 1940, he became associated with Walter Reade Theaters, assuming the management of the two local theaters, Traco & Community. In 1950, the Toms River Drive-In was built on Route 37 (now the site of K-Mart). Isadore managed it until it closed in the late 50's.

A philanthropist, Isadore was a charter member of the Toms River Kiwanis Club, member of Harmony Lodge F & AM, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason, and member of the Crescent Temple, Trenton, NJ. He was President of the Ocean County Shrine Club and was instrumental in organizing the Shrine Club to sponsor an underprivileged Children's Christmas party starting with a free movie and ending the party with a turkey dinner. He was also a member of the Tall Cedars, Lakewood Elks Redmen. He helped to organize the Toms River Business Men's Association, which eventually became the Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Variety Club of Philadelphia.

"Izzy" Hirshblond was a very colorful man, who came to America unable to speak English. He learned the language and became a very successful businessman. His love of the entertainment industry was in his soul. His Traco Theater was a dynamic institution that brought much enjoyment to the area. A highlight was Amateur Night, which featured local performers on the Traco stage. He was very select in his choice of films. His joy of life was personified in his community involvement. He never missed a high school football game; he gave theater passes to the team members on the night before the games and went to the locker room prior to the game to hand out chewing gum to the players. During the war, he would organize private cars to transport the baseball team to away games due to curtailment of school buses. Thanksgiving night, win or lose, the Toms River High School football team, cheerleaders, and band were always his guests at the theater with introductions between the evening performances. He funded a scholarship prize for the outstanding athlete that was continued until the second high school was built. He also organized the steak and bean dinners for the winner and loser of the Toms River vs. Lakewood football game.

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## HONOREES

Last Year Attended  
or Graduation

Inducted

1882	Simon Lake	1989
1883	Ethleen Longstreet	1988
1883	William Henry Fischer	1991
1891	Philip Sheridan Bailey	1988
1904	Frank W. Sutton, Jr.	1989
1908	James Stanley McClenahan	1992
1910	Dorothy Jameson	1988
1914	Benjamin Novins	1989
1917	George Daniel Moore	1990
1920	Elizabeth Sculthorpe Force	1988
1922	Adolph E. Woolley	1989
1924	Johanna Wells-Smith	1988
1924	Mildred Worth Potter	1991
1925	Margaret Maisch Moore	1990
1926	Ethel Price Gaunt	1988
1926	Joseph A. Citta	1988
1927	Bartholomew Applegate Ellis	1990
1928	Arthur Cornelius, Jr.	1997
1931	Lewis H. Elverson	1988
1935	Rt. Rev. Albert Van Duzer	1988
1936	Dr. Faye Glenn Abdellah	1989
1936	Dorothy Dugan	1989
1936	Pauline S. Miller	1988
1937	John H. Beddow	1996
1937	CDR George Cornelius USN (Ret.)	1990
1937	Nelson H. Cornell	1999
1938	Jack H. Milne	1989
1938	Hugh Connolly Clayton	1991
1938	Dr. Arthur A. Socolow	1993
1939	Dr. Edwin P. Mickiewicz	1998



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The Toms River Regional Board of Education &  
The Hall of Fame Trustees  
cordially invite you to the  
Fourteenth Annual Induction Banquet  
to honor

Clifford William Campbell  
Hon. Julio M. Fuentes  
Isadore M. Hirshblond  
Dave Johnson  
Neal Mayer  
E. David Millard  
Sonya Naryshkin, M.D.

to be held  
Sunday, April 1, 2001  
12:00 noon - Cocktails  
1:00 p.m. - Dinner  
Ramada Inn of Toms River  
2373 Route 9  
Toms River, NJ  
RSVP: by March 15, 2001

Last Year Attended  
or Graduation

Inducted

1941	Carolyn M. Campbell	1995
1942	George A. Lillie	1999
1942	Rt. Rev. Vincent King Pettit	1991
1942	Janet Loveman Taber	1998
1943	Dr. Alfred J. Casagrande, Jr.	1999
1943	Robert L. Garthwaite	1991
1943	Dave Johnson	2001
1943	Vincent J. Smith	1994
1944	Richard C. Clement	1990
1944	L. Manuel Hirshblond	1991
1944	The Rev. Lloyd Rogers Applegate	1993
1944	Robert F. Novins	2000
1946	Mary Ellen Hudson	2000
1946	Lester A. "Bud" Tice	2000
1947	Robert W. Camp	1998
1948	Clifford William Campbell	2001
1948	Dr. Allen H. Kassof	1988
1949	Juanita Carfora	1993
1949	Lolita Carfora	1993
1949	Burton K. Davis	1993
1950	Zev Rosen	1991
1951	Roberta Hornig Draper	1994
1951	Dr. Karl Engelman	1990
1951	Annette Brafman Meyers	1992
1952	Capt. Albert E. Graham	1998
1952	Dr. Walter J. Kahn	1995
1954	Max Culpepper	1989
1954	Richard D. Garretson	1994
1956	Alan Rinzler	1999
1956	William Sommeling	1993
1957	Dr. Carl E. Wagner	1990
1958	Maxine Glorsky	1990
1958	Charles H. Ehrmann	1991

Last Year Attended  
or Graduation

Inducted

1960	Laurence M. Johmann	1992
1960	Diana Janusz Kedz	1997
1960	Roman Rudnytsky	1988
1961	Donald V. Browne	1992
1961	Carole Applegate Hedinger	1999
1962	Dr. Celia Genishi	1989
1962	Hon. Alexander D. Lehrer	1993
1962	Robert L. Pastine	1997
1962	Dorian Rudnytsky	1997
1962	Clarence E. "Bud" Aldrich III	2000
1963	Dr. Heidi Hartmann	1989
1963	Dr. Bambi Bernhardt Schieffelin	1988
1963	Marie E. Snyder	1996
1964	Judge Julio M. Fuentes	2001
1964	Dr. Susan D. Halsey	1992
1964	Dr. Noel Ritter Valis	1995
1965	Robert H. Ogle	1995
1965	Dr. Lewis Pyenson	1990
1965	Richard C. Ward	1998
1967	Laurence E. Bethune	1992
1967	Dr. Kenneth M. Green	1997
1967	Linda Troeller	1994
1968	Tom Brown, Jr.	1994
1969	William Campbell	1992
1969	Gary A. Jobson	1990
1969	Glenn R. Reichardt	1997
1969	Brig. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz	1996
1970 (South)	Dr. Russell C. Cattley	1995
1970 (South)	Thomas L. Finkbiner	1999
1970 (South)	Dr. Vivien Green Fryd	1996
1970 (South)	William "Rip" Scherer	1996
1971 (South)	Joan E. Bray	1994
1971 (South)	Dr. Dale Whilden	1992
1972 (North)	Colonel Mike Applegate	2000
1972 (North)	E. David Millard	2001
1973 (North)	Steve Mormando	1996
1973 (North)	Dr. Lee E. Schechter	1995
1974 (North)	Sonya Naryshkin, M.D.	2001
1978 (South)	Neal Mayer	2001
1979 (South)	Todd G. Buchholz	2000



## Dave Johnson

Dave Johnson's life and experiences as journalist, editor, author, photographer, and businessman have spanned the globe and transcended generations. Yet for all his accomplishments, Dave has "stayed home" throughout his career in order to make Ocean County a better place to live.

Like many of his Toms River High classmates, Dave began life after high school by serving his country in World War II. After participating in active battles in Germany, then serving in the occupation, Dave published a history of his battalion in hardcover, the first work in a lifetime of distinguished journalism and photography. Returning home after the war, Dave went to work for the Ocean County Sun as a "printer's devil," melting down lead for the printing presses in the early days of "hot metal." It was here that he learned the newspaper business from the "bottom up." Little did he know then that one day this publication would be his own—a powerful and conscientious voice of the community for many years.

In 1950 Dave joined the staff of the New Jersey Courier as Advertising Manager. There he developed the photography skills which would later enable him to "make his mark" in an era when few press photographers existed in the area. While at the Courier, Dave also created his popular column, "This Is My Business," known most simply as "Dave Johnson's column." Introduced in the days when editorial writing was scarce, Dave's column dealt with myriad social, civic, business and political issues of the day.

During these years, Dave also published The Guide Post, Ocean County's annual vacation and business directory. This popular publication could be found in travel agencies, hotels and businesses through the region, and for many years was the only source of such information. Copies of The Guide Post were requested, and became one of the most popular New Jersey publications at the New Jersey pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair.

In 1957, Dave became co-owner and publisher of the Ocean County Sun. He also opened Dave Johnson Photography Studios on Highway 37, which continued there until 1979. As publisher of the Ocean County Sun, Dave quickly worked to change the format and headlines of the paper, providing readers with coverage seldom found in small papers of the period. Dave was responsible for advertising, layout, sales, photography and management. During more than two decades at the Sun, Dave traveled the US and the world to bring interesting articles and his unique perspective "back home" to Ocean County. From stories on the NORAD command base in the mountains of Colorado to articles about Scotch Whisky in Glasgow, Scotland and perfumes and champagnes in France, Dave was truly a "Renaissance Writer" whose intellect, creativity, and passion for the news saw no boundaries. Yet, Dave always put his hometown first. He never lost sight of where his heart really was and where his talents were needed most. In 1962, he produced a 32-page pictorial history of the devastating nor'easter that hit the Jersey shore. This work, entitled "The Great Storm of 1962," sold more than 200,000 copies and was described by the Governor Richard J. Hughes as "the finest report I have seen on this great tragedy." As Editor and Publisher of The Ocean County Sun, Dave supported and

## Dave Johnson

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advocated major community projects, including the opening of the Community Memorial Hospital, Ocean County College (the first County College in the New Jersey County College System), the moving of the Ocean County Fair to the Robert J. Miller Airport, the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Society and its major Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra and many Toms River school activities and events. Through it all, Dave continued to be a positive force and strong advocate for the community, highlighting the achievements of its citizens, helping its business and commerce to grow, and opposing projects he believed to be harmful to the area.

Dave sold The Ocean County Sun in 1969, his last column appearing in 1971. Shortly thereafter, Dave founded the Sun Printing and Graphics Company. Dave was an active Director of the First National Bank of Toms River from 1977 until 1991. During the years, Dave has been an enthusiastic supporter of Toms River school reunions and was instrumental in planning the 50-year, three-day weekend reunion of the Toms River High class of 1943. Dave often speaks fondly of his high school days at Toms River High, remembering teachers such as Elizabeth Force, Dewitt "Doc" Ricketts, and librarian Bessie McLean. "As for the other members of the faculty that taught me, from grade one through high school, I couldn't have asked for better, but in retrospect, I am aware that I could have given more. Still, my 12 years in Toms River Schools were a foundation that never crumbled." The Toms River Schools Hall of Fame is proud to honor Dave Johnson as an alumnus who HAS GIVEN MORE to the town he grew up in, the town he loves and, throughout his distinguished career and all his accomplishments, the town he never left. Thanks for staying home, Dave!

## **Clifford William Campbell**

Cliff Campbell is the third generation of Campbells who have lived in Toms River. He is also the third of his immediate family, following his son Bill and his sister Carolyn, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Born in Tuckerton in 1931, Cliff attended Toms River Schools from second grade through high school, graduating in 1948. While attending, he was a four-year member of the Student Council, served as its president and was elected Treasurer of the New Jersey High School Association of Student Councils. He was active in sports and was one of a few college prep students who took woodworking shop as an elective.

Cliff attended Duke University, Temple University, and the Institute of Production and Methods Analysis. His dad, who was a master carpenter, introduced the love of woodworking to Cliff, and Cliff was determined to become a builder. After working at Lakehurst Naval Air Station for two years as an architectural draftsman, Cliff became a partner in a building business working mainly on Long Beach Island. He worked for twenty-five years and built many of the more prestigious homes in the area. He was an active member of both the Beach Haven Exchange Club and the Southern Ocean Rotary Club. He participated in the NJ Shore Builders Association and also found time to establish the Manahawkin Indoor Tennis Center.

When Cliff was eight years old, his uncle Marvin Campbell bought him his first sailboat and Cliff fell in love with the water. Cliff won the first of many Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Championships in 1949, his most recent in 1998. In 1966, he won the International Penguin Class Championship and in 1967 became the first New Jerseyan to win the coveted Clifford D. Mallory Trophy, indicative of the North American Men's Sailing Championship. He was also named Beachwood's Man of the Year for his accomplishments. Cliff continued racing and, with Dr. Britton Chance, participated in several Olympic campaigns. He competed internationally in Denmark and Sweden. While his children were growing up in Beachwood, Cliff was involved in the Beachwood Yacht Club and helped to promote the idea of sailing programs in the area.

Since retiring in 1980, Cliff has raced in various classes, both locally and in the Caribbean. In 1986, he and his wife, Mary Jo, won their class in Antigua Race Week and were voted Most Outstanding Yacht in a fleet of more than 200 yachts. That same year they won what is considered the "Grand Slam of Caribbean Yacht Racing" consisting of all the major regattas in the area, including the Rolex International Regatta. In 1993, the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association awarded Cliff the O. G. Dale Memorial Trophy for his outstanding sportsmanship and service to the sailing community. Recently, the Eastern E Scow Association honored Cliff for his contributions and dedication to the class. For the last 20 years, Cliff has served as a United States Sailing Association Senior Judge and Race Officer. In this capacity, and as a member of the Toms River Yacht Club, Cliff continues to serve as a mentor and example to many young sailors.



## **Judge Julio M. Fuentes**

The Toms River Schools Hall of Fame is proud to induct Judge Julio M. Fuentes for his distinguished achievements in the field of law and, especially, for his appointment and confirmation to be a judge on the 3rd United States Circuit Court of Appeals, the second highest level of the judiciary, just one step from the Supreme Court. His record in school as a student, as a person, as a member of the Student Council, and as an athlete, lettering in both football and wrestling—all presaged a most promising future.

Judge Fuentes earned his B. A. degree from Southern Illinois University in 1971. In 1975, he received his J. D. from the State University of New York and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in that same year. New York University granted him a Master's in 1981. Rutgers awarded him a second Master's in 1993. He also served from 1966 to 1969 in the Army's Military Police, most of that time with the Special Forces Group in Panama, ending his service career with a commission as a First Lieutenant.

In 1975, he began his law career as an associate with the firm of Miller, Hochman, Meyerson, and Schaeffer in Jersey City. But in 1977 he started his own law firm, Fuentes, Plant, and Velazquez, in Newark. His personal practice involved both civil and criminal legal issues.

In 1978, Judge Fuentes was appointed as a judge in the Municipal Court of Newark, and in 1980 he was licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He continued as a Municipal Court judge until 1987, when he was appointed by Governor Kean to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County. There he had the opportunity to experience the full range of a trial judge's responsibilities: General Equity (1997-2000), Civil Division (1992-1997), Presiding Judge (1997), Criminal Division (1990-1992), and Family Division (1987-1990).

In the year 2000, Judge Fuentes was confirmed by the Senate of the United States by a vote of 93-0 to serve as a sitting judge on the 3rd U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the nation's second highest court. His path to this important stage of his career has been a path of commitment to professional growth. Judge Fuentes is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the New Jersey Bar Association. He has served on a variety of professional task forces to study the law and lay new ground for the law to deal with complex issues, including minority concerns and the handling of drug issues in the courts. He has continued his professional education at the National Judicial College and at Columbia University. He has used his professional skills in the community, earning honors for his efforts, most recently from Newark School of the Arts, the Hispanic Bar Association, and the College of Medicine and Dentistry.

From all this wealth of experience and education, we can see Judge Fuentes as a man of quiet firmness, strong in his sense of justice, respectful of those with whom he must deal. His favorite quote, his guiding watchword for what a judge must be, comes from Socrates:



## **Judge Julio M. Fuentes**

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"Four things belong to a judge—to  
Hear courteously, to answer wisely,  
To consider soberly, to decide  
Impartially."

The one great hero in the life of Judge Fuentes is his mother, Trinidad Mercado, who brought him and his older brother from Puerto Rico to New York City, then to Lakewood, and finally to Toms River, all in the effort to give her sons a better life. To provide for her two sons, she worked sixteen-hour days: an eight-hour shift as a practical nurse in the hospital and then eight hours of private duty in the community. His respect for her courage, her strength, and her sacrifice knows no bounds, and tells us much about the Judge himself. Another strong force in the Judge's life is his family. He and his wife Olma have three daughters: Lily, who is married to a serviceman and lives in North Carolina; Karina, who is studying law in the New York University Law School; and Olma, who is an undergraduate at Williams College in Massachusetts. They are a reward for and a part of a life well lived. It is a long way from being a child on a chicken farm in Ocean County to being a judge on the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Respect is due the man who has made that journey.

## **E. David Millard**

David Millard grew up in the community of Toms River and formed a long, deep attachment to the town and its various schools. He was educated at East Dover Elementary School, Washington Street Elementary School, Toms River Intermediate School (Intermediate East today), Toms River High School (Toms River High School South today) and finally graduated from Toms River High School North in 1972. While at Toms River High School North, David was a strong academic student, who earned membership in the National Honor Society, while maintaining involvement with athletics. He played varsity football and received the "Unsung Hero Award" for his persistence and hard work in the sport. In David's own words, "I received the 'Unsung Hero Award' my senior year; trust me, more for my willingness to fill in where needed than any physical prowess on the football field." It is important to note that persistence, hard work and a willingness to fill in where one is needed went a long way in creating the successful, community minded individual whom we honor today. Two teachers in particular who influenced David were Susan Kengeter and Dick Patton.

After high school, David attended Allegheny College from 1972 to 1976 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Communications. David felt called to law as he successfully completed his LSAT and was admitted to the Vermont Law School. From 1976 to 1979, he studied law and enjoyed the professional preparation. He served as President of the Student Bar Association and received the Alumni Association Award for "Outstanding Contribution to the School Community." In 1979 he earned his Juris Doctor degree.

The next step for any aspiring attorney is passing the infamous Bar Exam. David did that and began his career in 1980 as a partner in the Toms River law firm of Citta, Holzapfel, Millard, Zabarsky & Uahey. He was admitted to practice law before the New Jersey Courts and the United States District Court. David remembers his first jury case as one that involved an Adverse Possession Case. His most memorable case was the Manchester Township Municipal Corruption Case. While trying this case, David was serving as Assistant Ocean County Prosecutor from 1987-1995, acting as a Senior Trial Team Leader.

David has served the community in a variety of ways. From 1981-1987, he taught Criminal Constitutional Law and Rules of Evidence at Ocean County College. In 1988-1989, he was a Special Instructor for the Police Training Commission, Division of Criminal Justice and served as a lecturer on Criminal Law and Procedure at the Ocean County Police Academy.

David has dedicated himself to the practice of law and is a member of the American, New Jersey, and Ocean County Bar Associations. He also was a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He served as the General Counsel to the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund in charge of Litigation Management. Additionally, he served as Labor Counsel to the Ocean County Board of Social Services and represented the Zoning Boards of Adjustment for the Boro of Seaside Park and Boro of Point Pleasant.

## **E. David Millard**

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David was the Municipal Prosecutor in fourteen different municipalities including Dover Township, Brick Township, Jackson Township, Lacey Township, Stafford Township, and Berkeley Township. Time management skills must be perfected to allow this volume of participation in the practice of law.

More recently, David was recognized by former Governor Christine Todd Whitman starting in 1994, when she appointed him to serve as a member of the Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice. In 1995, she appointed him to the State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee, and on September 9, 1997, E. David Millard was appointed the Ocean County Prosecutor, a position he currently holds. As Prosecutor, he was appointed to serve on the Supreme Court's Committee on Criminal Practice in 2000. He also served as the Treasurer and Secretary for the New Jersey County Prosecutors' Association from 1999-2001. Our prosecutor also found time during his career to serve the community on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Ocean County and on the Executive Board for the Toms River Soccer Association.

Awards won by David include the New Jersey Alumni Award from the State 4-H Youth Development Program, the ADACO (Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Ocean) Citizen of the Year, the Toms River NAACP Appreciation Award, the Jackson Township Distinguished Service Award, and the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers' Association Special Award of Honor.

David's roots in the community are deep. His grandmother Martha Miller and mother Joan Winship Millard graduated from the original Toms River High School. His father Edgar Millard worked in the maintenance department for the schools for more than 30 years. His sister Ruth DiMarzio is a teacher at Intermediate West; his aunt Cathy Schenone is a retired teacher. His wife Jann Millard teaches at Hooper Avenue Elementary School. His daughters attended Toms River Schools with one now a student at the University of Colorado and the other attending High School South. We are proud to honor E. David Millard as we induct him into the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame.



## **Sonya Naryshkin, M.D.**

Sonya Naryshkin, M.D. grew up in Toms River and attended several schools in the Toms River Regional School District. She left Toms River High School North after her junior year in 1974 to attend Purdue University and received her diploma from Toms River High School North after the completion of her first year at Purdue. Dr. Naryshkin earned a B.S. in science from Purdue University in 1977. She was honored by membership in several academic honor societies: Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta and Alpha Lambda Delta.

In 1981, Dr. Naryshkin graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine, where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha and Sigma Xi Honor Societies. She began her academic medical career while researching the effects of aging with Dr. Calvin Lang.

Dr. Naryshkin was a postdoctoral research fellow in immunology at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her residency in pathology and laboratory medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She served as Assistant Instructor in Pathology from 1982-1986. She completed additional research work simultaneously at the Wistar Institute. She completed a fellowship in Cytopathology at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia. She is certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology with added qualification in Cytopathology by the American Board of Pathology and also by the International Academy of Cytology Board of Cytopathology. She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Cytology.

From 1987 to 1991, Dr. Naryshkin served as Assistant Professor of Pathology and Director of Cytology at Hahnemann University Hospital and Medical School. During this period, she taught and mentored medical students, graduate students, undergraduate allied health students, medical residents and practicing physicians. Her reputation for excellence in her sub specialty of cytopathology reached the international arena. She subsequently published numerous scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals and has been invited to speak at local, regional, national and international scientific meetings. She has also served on several international, national, regional and local professional societies. This impressive list includes the College of American Pathologists (Cytopathology Resources Committee, Laboratory Accreditation Inspector, Nominating Committee, Editor of the PAP Quarterly Newsletter), The International Academy of Cytology (Task force for Standardization of Quantitative and Analytical Methods in Diagnostic Pathology), The American Society of Cytopathology (Membership Committee) and the Camden County Medical Society (Public Relations Committee, Subcommittee on Aging). She is a referee of several scientific journals.

Presently Dr. Naryshkin is Pathologist and Director of Cytopathology at Mercy Hospital in Janesville, Wisconsin as well as Honorary Adjunct Professor of Biology at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. To date, she has published more than 50 scientific articles and continues to be a prominent presence in the field of cytopathology. She is the Chair of the Committee to follow legislative and regulatory proceedings of the American



Society of Cytopathology, a member of the International Academy of Cytology's Laboratory Guidelines Committee and serves on the Board of Censors and as a Liaison to the Wisconsin Society of Cytology for the Wisconsin Society of Pathologists.

Dr. Naryshkin also participates in endeavors beyond the field of medicine. She is vice-president of Operations for a private consulting and marketing company that she and her husband, Victor J. Sobolewski III, D.O., own. This enables her to help others establish their own private franchise businesses successfully. To date, she and her husband have personally mentored hundreds of people, lecturing on success principles across the United States. They have offered their advice and expertise to crowds of up to 5,000 business owners.

Dr. Naryshkin is a dedicated member of her local community and has assumed many roles in community organizations including the Lakeview Elementary PTA, Badger Council of Girl Scouts, and Richmond 4-H Club. She has three active children: a 14 year old daughter and two 6 year old sons. She is proud to be able to help strengthen family values by helping families achieve time and financial management success.

Dr. Naryshkin also enjoys a wide range of interests that include horseback riding, sailing, and dancing. She danced the Hula/Tahitian semi-professionally during her high school years with Napua and the Wahinis and intermittently thereafter. Adding to the diversity of her talents, she also played the mandolin with the Nardini Ensemble in Philadelphia during the 1980's.

While continuing to balance her diverse responsibilities, Dr. Naryshkin moves forward in medicine to advance research in the field of cytopathology. It is with great pride that the Toms River Schools Hall of Fame honors Sonya Naryshkin, M.D. for her superior contributions in the field of medicine.

## Neal Mayer

Currently, Neal Mayer can be seen performing on the stage of the Imperial Theatre in New York City in Les Miserables. For the past year and a half, he has had the pleasure and artistic fulfillment of portraying Claquesous, as well as being the understudy for the role of Thenardier. But Mr. Mayer is quick to point out that his success on the Broadway stage was built on two solid foundations of his educational and professional preparation. These were his extensive experience in portraying a variety of roles in regional theaters across the country and his early positive theater experiences while in the Toms River Schools, especially as a member of the Dover Township Savoyards, a performing arts group under the sponsorship of the Dover Township Parks and Recreation Commission. Each year the Savoyards presented a different American musical or Gilbert & Sullivan production under the inspired and unique direction of the late Leona Landon and musically directed by Gerry Rich. When Mr. Mayer attended college, he found his early, extensive exposure to Gilbert & Sullivan had provided him with a discipline and artistic experience, unlike most of his fellow students at Susquehanna. He received a B.A. in Communications/Theater, magna cum laude, in 1982.

Mr. Mayer first became interested in the fine arts through his involvement in the arts program at High School South where he played clarinet, tenor saxophone and bassoon with the Symphonic, Marching and Stage Bands under the guidance of Ernest Milkovitz and was a member of the Chorus directed by Dorothea Lillie. While Drama Club president his senior year, he portrayed Henry Higgins in South's production of My Fair Lady. Other extracurricular activities included involvement in the performing arts and poetry divisions of the Cultural Olympics, editor-in-chief of The Cedar Chest, writer for the Chieftan and member of the National Honor Society.

During the summers of his high school years while working with the Savoyards, Neal gained training in such musical classics as The King And I, Carnival, Oklahoma, The Pajama Game, Wonderful Town and Kismet. After college, Neal returned to the Savoyards to direct productions of Lil' Abner, Godspell and The Mikado with Gerry Rich, once again, providing musical direction.

While still in college, Mr. Mayer toured the country with the Susquehanna University Choir, was President of Alpha Psi Omega, a national theater fraternity, and directed and performed in numerous college productions. Favorite roles included J. Pierpont Finch in How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Marcellus in The Music Man, and John/Judas in Godspell. During his freshman year in college, he also appeared in a series of TV and radio commercials for Hostess products.

Following college, Mr. Mayer combined his interests in education and the arts as an English/Drama teacher at Ocean City High School in Ocean City, N.J. from 1983-86. Among the shows he directed was the multilingual The Primary English Class, which went on to win Best Ensemble and Best Actor awards at the Bucks County Playhouse Performing Arts Festival. His participation in the Teen Arts Festival in 1986 led to an invitation to tour the state with a select group of Ocean City High School students.

## **Neal Mayer**

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In the late 1980's, Mr. Mayer decided to take a leave of absence from teaching to pursue a career in the performing arts. His professional career started with a tour of Evita that performed in 36 states. Following the tour, Mr. Mayer did intensive professional training with Betty Buckley (acting), Jack Lee and Charles Kakatsakis (musical theater), Andrea Brown, Lois Englund, and Frank Ventura (jazz), Joan See and Suzanne Hevner (commercials) and Joan Kobin (voice). He is a member of Actors' Equity Association, Screen Actors Guild, and the American Federation of Television and Radio Actors.

In addition to appearing in Les Miserables, Mr. Mayer's Off-Broadway appearances include Forbidden Broadway Strikes Back!, (in which he parodied such stars as Manny Patinkin, Elton John, Michael Crawford, and Alan Cumming), The Wizard of Oz in Concert (also televised on TNT and PBS with Nathan Lane, Jewel and an all-star cast) at Avery Fisher Hall, and Winchell (a workshop) at the Brooks Atkinson Theater. His Regional work too extensive to list entirely, included Animal Crackers at the Arena Stage in Washington, DC; the Los Angeles premiere of Jim Lehrer's Chili Queen; the Boston and Cleveland companies of Forbidden Broadway; and various roles at Goodspeed-at-Chester, Skylight Opera Theatre, Helen Hayes Performing Arts Center, Weston Playhouse, Depot Theatre, Charlotte Repertory Theatre, and Lake Placid Center for Arts.

Mr. Mayer, who lives in Manhattan, is a humanitarian as well as an accomplished and successful actor. He is a dedicated worker for the Humane Society of New York City. On March 8 of this year, he even appeared as a "walker" for an Art Expo at the Javits center in a fashion show for dogs where "shelter" dogs were the stars of the show with all profits going to the Humane Society. Only in New York!

The Toms River Schools Hall of Fame is proud to welcome Neal Mayer as one of this year's honorees. His professional success as a working actor is an achievement realized by very few of the thousands of young men and women who dream and train for a theatrical life.



**TOMS RIVER TOWN CRIER**  
**New News From Honorees by Charlotte Spillane**

**Joseph D. Clouser (Distinguished Honoree 1999)**

Although retired and living at Harrogate, there is no indication that Joe has slowed down at all! He and Hall of Fame Honoree Bob Garthwaite have teamed up to take their show on the road. In the year 2000 alone, they have given 50 performances that have included every Saturday afternoon at the Bey Lea Nursing Home in Toms River.

In February and March of this year, Joe was asked by the Dean of Ongoing Education to teach a class for senior citizens at Ocean County College on "Broadway Musicals." Concentrating on the musicals of the 40's and 50's, Joe researched not only the scripts, music, and dance of the shows, but details of the production and direction difficulties as the musical struggled to reach a successful opening night. The shows he concentrated on were Oklahoma!, My Fair Lady, Fiddler on the Roof, and West Side Story.

**Robert L. Garthwaite (Class of 1943)**

If you were watching the TV show Ed in January, you would have seen a guest appearance Bob made on NBC's new hour-long comedy series. He appeared on the show as Jack Rispoli, an aging insurance agency owner. Those of us who saw Bob can attest to his clever performance. Of course, his talent doesn't come as any surprise, since he has spent a lifetime in television, dating back to its infancy. Now a resident of Forked River and technically retired from being an independent producer and performer, he keeps active locally performing with another Hall of Fame Honoree, musician Joe Clouser.

Bob and Joe became acquainted two years ago at the annual Hall of Fame dinner when Joe was inducted. They've been musical partners ever since, performing together at senior facilities and nursing homes in the Toms River area. Joe plays the piano and Bob (and sometimes Joe, also) sings a variety of songs from the 40's and 50's along with a selection of musical comedy hits. On March 22 of this year, they performed at Crestwood Village in the morning and at Ocean Grove in the afternoon. Bob continues to go into New York City two or three times a month for auditions arranged by his manager, Bill Pearlman, of New Talent Management, Brick.

**Maxine Glorsky (Class of 1958)**

In September of 2000, the New York Times ran a lengthy article announcing an upcoming event, "A Party for Max!," a salute to stage manager Maxine Glorsky to be held at the Joyce Theater. The program was to celebrate Ms. Glorsky's 60th birthday and her more than four decades in dance with performances by some of her favorite companies, the screening of a video mini-documentary, and on stage reminiscences by colleagues. The article itself (September 9, 2000), outlining in detail some of her greatest memories



and achievements, is a great tribute to one of our most distinguished Hall of Fame Honorees.

**Pauline S. Miller (Class of 1936)**

On October 18, 2000, the Soroptimist International Club of Toms River presented Polly Miller with its "Woman of Distinction Award" at their annual Women's Professional Dinner. This award, which included a beautiful Waterford bowl, honors a woman who has made outstanding achievements in her professional, business or voluntary activities relating to at least one of the Soroptimist programs of service, one of which is education. Polly's numerous publications on the history of Ocean County, including a weekly newspaper column, continue to delight her reading public. She also continues her work as Administrator of the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

In March, she was the guest of the "Meet the People" lecture series, hosted by Joe Monti, a teacher of World Civilization at Toms River High School East and founder of the program. She spoke about women in colonial America, describing the hardy group as fearless and ever ready to take up defense against Indians and the British. The talk inspired the young women in the audience.

**Roman Rudnytsky (Class of 1960)**

Roman continues to travel the world giving concerts everywhere, even in places of which we have never heard. He is also completing his 29th year at Youngstown State University. It's interesting to note Roman's avid interest in the Titanic. He attended a convention in London last year of the Titanic Historical Society, as well as another in Montreal. Would you believe the organization is headquartered in Freehold, New Jersey? At the London convention, he met and talked with Millvina Dean, the youngest of the five remaining survivors.







